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COUNTRY USSR (White Sea)

REPORT

SUBJECT Description of Submarines and Port
Facilities at Arkhangelsk

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A two-page report on Arkhangelsk, with sketches of submarines and patrol boats sighted in the White Sea.

The two submarines are described as having hydrodynamic forms and a tubular, vertical projection on the conning towers which may be a snorkel. A sketch of a large building which is reportedly a military school is included in the report.

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North Cape, two Soviet submarines

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surfaced,

The fore part of

the hulls of the two vessels was of an entirely different shape; instead of rising to form a straight line with the prow, something that is more or less common to all underwater craft, it tended instead to descend as if to give the prow an almost ogival shape.

Lacking any deck weapons, each vessel displayed a turret of an aerodynamic shape, upon which ~~rose~~ rose a tall superstructure

It was too large to be a periscope, and

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it might be a snorkel device.

observed numerous

searchlights along the coast, which were spaced so that their beams could constantly search the sea with^{out} leaving any intervals of darkness.

No gun battery, or radar station, or any other military installation was observed

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In the vicinity of Chaichil island (lat. $64^{\circ} 46'$ N. - long. $40^{\circ} 27'$ E.)

about 10 motor launches—at anchor—of which the enclosed sketch. (Enc. No. 2).

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The port of Arkhangelsk was, in general, ^{poorly} ~~poorly~~ equipped,

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the passage of a column of motor vehicles which were headed toward Solombala. The trucks that formed the column were all loaded with prisoners of war,

these were Germans.

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In the city there were many soldiers of each branch of service. The police ~~were~~ were distinguished by the red piping on their caps; the customs soldiers had green piping on their caps.

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[redacted] there was considerable airplane activity, augmented by Mig turbo-jets, [redacted]

In one of the peripheral zones of the city, [redacted] a Roman-style building, surrounded by a large well-kept grounds (see enc. 3).

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[redacted] was the "Stalin" military school.

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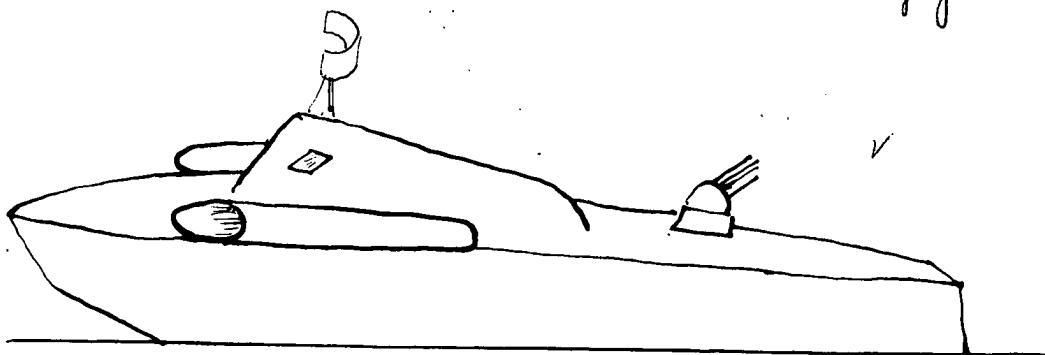


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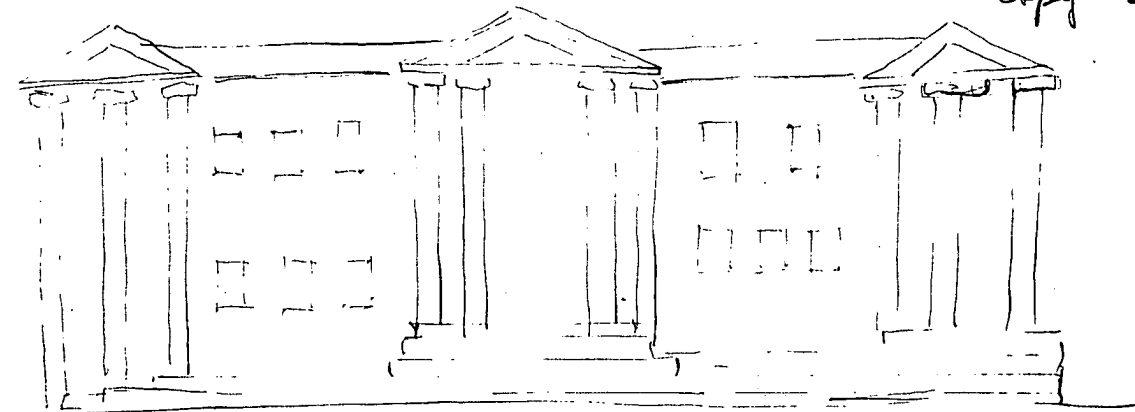
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